

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1126 - SB 1365

March 10, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a school resource officer (SRO) to be placed in every public school in Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$54,000,000*

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education, expenses for a full-time SRO range from \$50,000 to \$75,000 with salary, benefits, training, and equipment.
- The minimum recurring expenditure per SRO is reasonably estimated to exceed \$50,000 (including salary, benefits, and training).
- There are 1,784 schools in Tennessee and an estimated 700 SROs.
- The state will not be required to bear any financial burden associated with newly-employed SROs or currently-employed SROs.
- The mandatory recurring increase in local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$54,200,000 [$\$50,000 \text{ minimum} \times (1,784 - 700)$].

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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